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**Instructional Module 6
Obstetrics Community Clinical Experience**

Community Site: Dr. Blann

1. What did you observe during the day? Were there any specific procedures that were able to participate in or observe?

During my experience, I got to observe the use of a doppler to find the baby's heart rate, how to feel the mother's stomach to find where to place the doppler, and many manual blood pressures. I also witnessed how close the nurses were with each patient, their documentation which is different than in the hospital, the nurses scheduling appointments, teamwork with the physician and nurses, nurses giving Tdap vaccines, and an ultrasound. Lastly, I got to see a lot of calls that they had to make to other facilities for the patients and a little bit of postpartum care. I got to do many manual blood pressures and got to use the doppler fetal monitor for almost every patient, so I got a lot of really good experiences.

2. What was the best/most interesting part of the experience?

The best part for me was being able to use the doppler. We have talked about them before and I have seen them used but had not been able to do it before, so I appreciated being able to learn it hands-on. By the end, I felt pretty confident using one and I was able to find the baby's heart rate more easily. The medical assistants were very helpful and helped me figure it out quickly. At first, I wasn't sure if I would be any good at it but they helped a lot.

3. Is a community nursing position something that you would consider working in? Why or why not?

When I first start, I do not think I want to work in a community nursing position but later on, I might because I enjoyed my experience a lot. I liked how close the staff was and how different it was from working in a hospital. It is very different so I will have to see how I feel later but since I liked it so much I honestly might. I do want different experiences while working so it would probably benefit me a lot if I did work at one.

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4. Do you feel like this community site met the needs of the population they serve? Why or why not?

I feel like they met the needs of the patients they served. All of the patients that we saw got the help they needed and easily scheduled the other appointment they needed. They helped educate the patients also and helped with a lot of the things they needed like future birth control, putting in the birth control, vaccinations, heart monitoring, and all the labs they needed. Each patient was left with all the things they needed to be done and the resources that they needed. The faculty also seemed like they knew all of the patients, so they were able to give even better care for them. Overall, they are doing a great job helping their patients.

5. Did you witness patient teaching? What general things were taught to this population? Do you feel that patient teaching in this community site was adequate? Why or why not?

The patient teaching, I saw was really good and I learned a lot from it. They taught about how babies may turn, different ways to help induce, the risks of intercourse during pregnancy, and gave extra information in pamphlets for each patient's needs. They also taught about why the patient had to come in, how often they needed to, and why COVID testing is important before labor. They covered a lot of things that the patients needed to know. They also taught things when they needed it and did not overload the patients with information. The patients all left well educated about their individual needs and if they needed any further education they could reach out to the office and get it. I was very impressed with the amount of patient teaching and how they taught. I learned a lot of valuable information on how to teach patients.